



**DRAFT MEETING MINUTES  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF MONO  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Regular Meetings: The First, Second, and Third Tuesday of each month. Location of meeting is specified just below.

MEETING LOCATION Board Chambers, 2nd Fl., County Courthouse, 278 Main St.,  
Bridgeport, CA 93517

**Regular Meeting  
November 12, 2014**

Flash Drive	#1002
Minute Orders	M14-222 to M14-230
Resolutions	R14-68 to R14-71
Ordinance	Ord14-05 NOT USED

9:02 AM Meeting Called to Order by Chairman Johnston

*Supervisors present: Alpers, Johnston and Stump.  
Supervisors absent: Fesko and Hunt.*

*Break: 9:57 a.m.  
Reconvene: 10:04 a.m.  
Break: 10:48 a.m.  
Reconvene: 10:55 a.m.  
Closed Session: 11:30 a.m.  
Adjourn: 11:54 a.m.*

Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Stump.

**1. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**

**Lisa Baker (Wounded Warrior Project):**

- She handed out information about project she's involved in (hard copy kept on file in the clerk's office in today's meeting folder).
- Project vs. Center: not just post 9-11 or post combat related. Open to assist everyone; retooling vets to live their lives.
- They have secured land next to Cerro Coso College where they will be building a facility.
- Supervisor Alpers: received correspondence from Boating and Waterways about a non-match grant – this grant directed towards having handicapped access to lakes and streams throughout the Eastern Sierra. Would like to have a community advocate that can help carry this forward.

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**Stacy Corless:**

- She's looking very much forward to attending CSAC. She thanked the Board and staff for helping get her set up to go.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Board Minutes

Departments: Clerk of the Board

**Action:** Approve minutes of the Regular Meeting held on November 4, 2014.

**Alpers moved; Stump seconded**

**Vote: 3 yes; 2 no; 2 absent: Fesko and Hunt**

**M14-222**

3. PRESENTATIONS - NONE

4. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

**Supervisor Alpers:**

- Traveled to Southern California with Alicia Vennos for EDD meeting. Wanted Alicia's efforts recognized
  - Talked about timelines and figuring out where they are in their initiation of project at Rodeo Grounds. They wanted to know what processes they will have to go through once they begin projects. They are concerned with water availability.
  - Value of trip was to maintain personal relationships and to keep communication lines open. They were interested in knowing what opportunities they can tap into as they progress forward.
  - Main concern: operation of June Mountain. Thanked Jim Leddy, Scott Burns and Alicia Vennos for prep work, for working as a team.
  - Everyone agreed on having a different name for the "rodeo grounds" property.
- Shout out to Lee Vining Road Crews: they've been working and grading roads in Cottonwood Canyon area. They are making some improvements.
- Gave some comments related to Veteran's Day.

**Supervisor Fesko:**

- Absent

**Supervisor Hunt:**

- Absent.

**Supervisor Johnston:**

- Thanked Elections staff, appreciates everyone's efforts.
- Attended ARC meeting.
- Acknowledged Veteran's Day and those that have served, including family members.
- Asked about sending thank you's to the election volunteers (Bob to get together with Larry).

**Supervisor Stump:**

- Thanked Election staff for pulling together and getting through the election. Citizens need to know how much effort went into this. Was pleased with the outcome of the Paradise Fire "Measure F" ballot issue.
- Last Tuesday, meeting with AT&T agency rep from this area about ongoing frustrations. Met with John Wentworth about Recreation Plan, thanked him for diving in and putting this group together in a hurry.
- Attended Great Basin Air Quality meeting on behalf of Supervisor Johnston – interesting meeting. Keeler Dunes Dust Control project is progressing. It was Supervisor Hunt's last meeting, he was recognized. Ted Schade – it was his last meeting and he received our resolution. Pat Hays from MCWD – asked for clarifications on recently received letter

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from Ted Schade. Inyo's request for more influence (long discussion) – consensus was to try and figure out a way within existing structure to give their comments extra weight but no more voting power.

- Extra thanks to Benton Road Crew – obtained enough grindings from Chalfant paving project and put them down on Indian Creek Road.
- Veteran's Day – gave comments on history and leadership.

## 5. COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

CAO Report regarding Board Assignments

Receive brief oral report by County Administrative Officer (CAO) regarding work activities.

**Jim Leddy:**

- Met with Deborah Hess, SCE (gave update that she'll also bring to Mono Basin RPAC) tonight.
- Attended Marine Ball in Reno.
- Mammoth Lakes Foundation dinner on Saturday.
- Thanked Lisa Baker for an event he attended in Mammoth.
- North County employee roundtable tomorrow at 8:00 a.m.
- Steering Committee meeting tomorrow.

## 6. DEPARTMENT/COMMISSION REPORTS

*No one spoke.*

## 7. CONSENT AGENDA

(All matters on the consent agenda are to be approved on one motion unless a board member requests separate action on a specific item.)

### A. Reducing Racial and Ethnic Disparity Grant

Departments: Probation

Proposed resolution regarding Reducing Racial and Ethnic Disparity Grant.

**Action:** Adopt proposed Resolution #R14-68, a resolution of the Mono County Board of Supervisors agreeing to participate in the enhanced racial and ethnic disparity grant project.

**Stump moved; Alpers seconded**

**Vote: 3 yes; 0 no; 2 absent: Fesko and Hunt**

**R14-68**

### B. Employment Agreement with Sarah Messerlian in Position of Risk Manager

Departments: County Administrator's Office

Proposed resolution approving an employment agreement with Sarah Messerlian as Risk Manager, and prescribing the compensation, appointment and conditions of said employment.

**Action:** Approve Resolution #R14-69, approving an employment agreement with Sarah Messerlian and prescribing the compensation, appointment, and conditions of said employment. Authorize the Board Chair to execute said agreement on behalf of the County.

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**Stump moved; Alpers seconded**

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**R14-69**

C. Emergency Medical Care Committee (EMCC) Appointment and Membership  
Departments: Health Department

Resolution adding EMS Manager as a membership position on the EMCC, as recommended by the EMCC. Re-appointment of the five members who are currently serving as members of the EMCC, and appointment of Rob DeForrest, EMS Manager, to serve in the newly-added membership position.

**Action:** 1. Re-appoint Alex Tomaier, Dr. R. Johnson, Lynda Salcido, Rosemary Sachs and Lori Baitx to the Mono County EMCC for terms of two years. 2.

Approve proposed resolution R14-70, adding the Mono County EMS Manager as a new membership position on the EMCC, as recommended and approved by the EMCC at its last meeting. 3. Appoint Rob DeForrest, the Mono County EMS Manager, to the EMCC for a term of two years.

**Stump moved; Alpers seconded**

**Vote: 3 yes; 0 no; 2 absent: Fesko and Hunt**

**M14-223**

**R14-70**

D. Hiring Freeze Variance - Vacancy in Roads Division of Public Works

Departments: Public Works - Road and Facilities

Due to a promotion of a Maintenance Worker to Maintenance Supervisor in Road Area 4/5 (Walker/Bridgeport), Public Works (PW) has followed the Mono County protocol to fill the vacancy created by the promotion. The vacancy is full-time in Walker and would require an in-county recruitment first for Public Works Maintenance Worker employees and if no requests to transfer were received then the position would be advertised out-of-county.

**Action:** Authorize Public Works Director, in consultation with Human Resources, to recruit in-county to fill an existing vacancy in Road Area 4/5 (Bridgeport/Walker). If no requests are received in-county then recruit out-of-county to fill same vacancy.

**Stump moved; Alpers seconded**

**Vote: 3 yes; 0 no; 2 absent: Fesko and Hunt**

**M14-224**

**Pulled by Supervisor Stump:**

- Not sure each of these particular positions need to come to the Board; he's being optimistic that we're going to need people doing snow removal.

**Supervisor Johnston:**

- We should have this on December agenda for discussion.

E. Potential Lease Of Communication Site

Departments: Sheriff / County Counsel

Request to sub-lease County property interest at the Sweetwater Communications Site for use as a communications site.

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**Action:** Authorize CAO to offer for sub-lease County property interest at the Sweetwater Communications Site for use as a communications site in compliance with County Code chapter 3.05.030. Authorize CAO to negotiate and potentially enter into lease with the party making the most beneficial offer as determined by the CAO.

**Johnston moved; Stump seconded**

**Vote: 3 yes; 0 no; 2 absent: Fesko and Hunt**

**M14-225**

**Pulled by Supervisor Johnston:**

- Mentioned this because AT&T was discussed earlier.
- Something for staff to take into consideration.

**Supervisor Stump:**

- Appreciates the concern.

**John Vallejo:**

- Agenda item does allow the CAO to negotiate the terms of the new contract. It is the same AT&T as mentioned before.
- Will continue to look at this as globally as possible.

#### F. Appointments in Lieu of Election

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Pursuant to Elections Cods 10515, if the number of candidates for a director of a special district does not exceed the number of vacancies of that district, the Clerk shall request the supervising authority to appoint to the offices the person or persons who have filed declarations of candidacy. These terms will expire in November 2018.

**Action:** Appoint the following individuals who filed a Declaration of Candidacy for Special Districts in Mono County but were not required to be on the ballot of the General Election to the following districts: Robert Dunn to Antelope Fire; Jim Jeude, Dan Love and Jason Bullington to Bridgeport Fire; Charlene L. Waldriff to Chalfant Valley Fire; Kimberly Willingham and Paul McCahon to June Lake Fire; Shanda Duro to Lee Vining Fire; John Rutkowski and Sharon Shaw to Long Valley Fire; Brent Peterson and Breton Bihler to Mammoth Lakes Fire; Mark Daniel and Judith Pena to Paradise Fire; Glenn Inouye and Brent Miller to Wheeler Crest Fire; Tom Strazdin to Lee Vining PUD; Dennis Domaille and Gordon Alpers to Mammoth Community Water District; Holly Gallagher, Patricia Corto and Joan Stern to Birchim Community Services District; Rick Phelps, Cynthia Adamson and Garrett Higerd to Hilton Creek Community Services; Patricia Socha to Mammoth Lakes Community Services; Ray Tompauskas and Glenn Inouye to Wheeler Crest Community Services; Ryan Wood and Lynda Salcido to the Southern Mono Healthcare District; Carol Ann Mitchell, Marion Dunn and Richard Moss, Directors A and B for Tri-Valley Groundwater Management.

**Stump moved; Alpers seconded**

**Vote: 3 yes; 0 no; 2 absent: Fesko and Hunt**

**M14-226**

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G. Paramedic MOU Amendment

Departments: Finance/County Counsel/CAO

Proposed resolution #R\_\_\_\_\_, A Resolution of the Mono County Board of Supervisors Adopting and Approving the First Amendment to the 2014-2017 Memorandum of Understanding Between the County and the Mono County Paramedic Rescue Association.

**Action:** Approve Resolution #R14-71, Adopting and Approving the First Amendment to the 2014-2017 Memorandum of Understanding Between the County and the Mono County Paramedic Rescue Association.

**Stump moved; Alpers seconded**

**Vote: 3 yes; 0 no; 2 absent: Fesko and Hunt**

**R14-71**

H. October 2014 Treasury Transaction Report

Departments: Finance

Treasury Transactions for the month of October 2014

**Action:** Approve the Treasury Transaction Report for the month of October 2014.

**Stump moved; Alpers seconded**

**Vote: 3 yes; 0 no; 2 absent: Fesko and Hunt**

**M14-227**

**Pulled by Supervisor Stump:**

- Asked Leslie for brief comments.
- Asked various questions.

**Leslie Chapman:**

- Gave brief explanation and answered questions.

8. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED (INFORMATIONAL)

All items listed are located in the Office of the Clerk of the Board, and are available for review.

A. Yannatta Correspondence

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Letter to James Yannatta dated October 30, 2014 (copied to the Mono County Board of Supervisors) regarding Eastern Sierra Waterways Project and potential Boating and Waterways boat tax grant funding.

**Supervisor Alpers:**

- Asked Jim Leddy to forward to the Fisheries Commission for information.

B. Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Correspondence from Senator Jackson, dated October 30, 2014 regarding legislation that creates a convenient and environmentally responsible home-generated prescription drug disposal program.

**Supervisor Johnston:**

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- Maybe this should be referred to Social Services and Public Health (Jim Leddy to forward on).

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*The Board acknowledged receipt of the correspondence.*

## 9. REGULAR AGENDA - MORNING

### A. Inyo-Mono Veterans Services Annual Update

Departments: Veterans Services

(Yvette Mason) - Presentation by Yvette Mason regarding Veterans Services in Inyo and Mono Counties.

**Action:** None.

**Yvette Mason:**

**POWER POINT:**

- Overview of Veteran Services
- AB 101 One Time Funding
- Website (Update Design and Content)
- Signage
- Veteran Population
- Contact Information/Questions?

Additional Comments:

- She makes home visits.
- 901 Veterans for Mono and about 1600 for Inyo.

**Supervisor Stump:**

- Asked if she takes her "show" on the road?
- The more awareness out there about this "one stop shop" is extremely important.

**Supervisor Johnston:**

- Asked about total number of Veteran's in Mono County.
- Asked about the wait time for Veterans to receive services (Yvette gave additional explanation on the Choice Card).

**Supervisor Alpers:**

- Appreciates her coming and all the information.

**Kathy Peterson:**

- Will work with Yvette on additional reach out.

**Leslie Chapman:**

- Mono County is expected to receive \$15,000 for this program and the county is committed to expend over \$30,000 – may need to do a mid-year budget adjustment.

### B. Workforce Education Services Agreement

Departments: Social Services

(Kathy Peterson) - Proposed contract with Mono County Office of Education pertaining to Workforce Education Services.

**Action:** Approve Agreement with Mono County Office of Education for the provision of workforce education services and authorize the Director of Social Services to execute said Agreement.

**Stump moved; Alpers seconded**

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**M14-228**

**Kathy Peterson:**

- Explained item, program and contract.

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- There are several people in her office that helps determine eligibility. Introduced Jay Sloan who works on this.
- Explained funding – does not come out of general fund.
- We receive an allocation that we draw down from; we're not mandated to have this type of agreement.
- We have about \$200,000 allocation, annually to be drawn down with a claim.
- We have approximately 30 CalWORKS clients at this time.

**Supervisor Johnston:**

- How does allocation work? How much do we have?
- How many clients do we have?

**Supervisor Stump:**

- Asked for clarification on what this agenda item is asking for? This is not additional grant monies, just utilizing the Office of Education as needed?

### C. Yosemite Sierra Visitors Bureau

Departments: Board of Supervisors

Discussion about correspondence dated October 24, 2014 from the Yosemite Sierra Visitors Bureau to Superintendent Don Neubacher, stating their opposition to the proposed Yosemite rate increase. In this letter, they ask that the Board join them in opposing this increase in this depressed economy. The deadline to submit comments is November 20, 2014. This item is being requested by Supervisor Larry Johnston.

**Action:** None.

**Supervisor Johnston:**

- Gave brief introduction to item.
- Letter received laid this out fairly well and how it affects travel, etc.
- He suggests that we write some sort of similar letter (have staff put it together).
- Rubs him the wrong way because this is a national park that appears as if it's becoming less accessible to people without a lot of money.
- If fee is going to be used in park, maybe it's acceptable.

**Supervisor Stump:**

- Does each park have the ability to adjust their entrance fees? Just this park?
- Referred to two fees mentioned in letter. Is 50% increase taking into account campground?

**Supervisor Alpers:**

- His understanding is that this increase would be right in the park.
- Feels he doesn't have enough information today to do too much.
- Being on the YARTS board, perhaps he can work with Scott Burns to explore this further.
- Asked Jim Leddy to get their questions answered.

**Jim Leddy:**

- There is a deadline of November 20<sup>th</sup> to make comments.
- Per Board, if questions get answered appropriately, he is to have staff send a letter in opposition to this.

### D. Inyo Forest Motorized Transportation System Modification Scoping Comments

Departments: Community Development Department

Inyo Forest Motorized Transportation System Modification Scoping Comments.

**Action:** Authorize Chairman's signature on comment letter, as revised based on discussion.

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**Stump moved; Alpers seconded**

**Vote: 3 yes; 0 no; 2 absent: Fesko and Hunt**

**M14-229**

**Supervisor Johnston:**

- Introduced item.
- Asked if Jim Ouimet was there. Requested a break till 11:00 to accommodate him if possible.
- Asked Mr. Ouimet to voice his specific concerns.
- What about placing temporary barriers?
- Sounds like we're on the right track.
- It's important that we recognize the dog sled business unique to the area.

**Scott Burns:**

- This item came up at your last meeting.
- A comment letter has been drafted.
- Gave suggestions for tweaking second paragraph.

**Jim Ouimet:**

- He feels that this is all headed in the right direction; he appreciates the support.
- His concern is the placement of additional barricades; it's a safety issue for him, dogs and equipment.

**Supervisor Stump:**

- Should we add a sentence encouraging the Forest Service to work directly with Dog Sled Company (or other interested parties)? Something specific that can be resolved with local groups.

**Stacy Corless:**

- Gave additional facts concerning this; she doesn't think this will be the last type of this project we'll see in the future.

**E. Investment Policy and Delegation of Authority to Invest**

Departments: Finance

(Leslie Chapman) - Updated Statement of Investment Policy

**Action:** Approve the investment policy, as amended including giving delegation authority to Leslie Chapman, Finance Director.

**Alpers moved; Stump moved**

**Vote: 3 yes; 0 no; 2 absent: Fesko and Hunt**

**M14-230**

**Leslie Chapman:**

- Introduced Gerald and Joanne of her office who both worked on this policy; Roberta will be joining us shortly.
- Introduced item; explained the purposed of such a policy.
- Since she's new to position, wanted to start from the ground up and revise this policy as necessary, explained what she has reviewed in her revision.
- Explained purpose and goals.
- This policy matches the government code, she did not write any additional constraints in. Up to the Board to decide whether they are comfortable with it or not.
- She had four people from Oversight Committee comment on this.
- Went over minor change in Section XIII.
- Discussion about WAM and need for flexibility.

**Supervisor Johnston:**

- He found this document readable.
- Brought up past presentation.
- Asked about Town involvement in Treasury Oversight Committee.

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- Commended staff for working on this. Brings our operation into the light of day.

**Supervisor Alpers:**

- Asked a question about a term.
- Is this on county website?

**Supervisor Stump:**

- Asked how much staff time went into this? How many changes from last time?
- Agrees it's much more readable than policies in the past.

10. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

*No one spoke.*

11. CLOSED SESSION

*There was nothing to report out of close session.*

A. Closed Session--Human Resources

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS. Government Code Section 54957.6. Agency designated representative(s): Marshall Rudolph, John Vallejo, Leslie Chapman, and Jim Leddy. Employee Organization(s): Mono County Sheriff's Officers Association (aka Deputy Sheriff's Association), Local 39--majority representative of Mono County Public Employees (MCPE) and Deputy Probation Officers Unit (DPOU), Mono County Paramedic Rescue Association (PARA), Mono County Public Safety Officers Association (PSO), and Mono County Sheriff Department's Management Association (SO Mgmt).  
Unrepresented employees: All.

B. Closed Session - Conference with Legal Counsel

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION. Subdivision (a) of Government Code section 54956.9. Name of case: Worker's compensation case of R. Bone. (WCAB Case No. ADJ8292904.)

C. Closed Session - Anticipated Litigation

Departments: Public Works; Solid Waste Division

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION.  
Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9. Number of potential cases: One.

13. REGULAR AGENDA AFTERNOON- NONE

ADJOURN 11:54 a.m. in honor of Veteran's Day and all Veterans.  
ATTEST

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LARRY K. JOHNSTON  
CHAIRMAN

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SHANNON KENDALL  
ASSISTANT CLERK OF THE BOARD

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